

TIPP CITY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO

MAY 12, 2008

Roll Call

Chairman Hale called this meeting of the Tipp City Parks Advisory Board to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members in attendance included: Pam Hale, Maynard Watkins, Doug Slagel, and Patrick Hodges, ex-officio members, Kathy Taylor (TM Community Services), Dr. Martin English (Monroe Twp. Trustees), and Tom Merritt (TC Board of Education). Mr. Mihalyo had advised the Board he would be late due to baseball games.

Also in attendance were Service Director Scott Vagedes, Park Superintendent Jim Asher, and acting Secretary Marilyn Fennell. Nancy Bowman of the *Dayton Daily News* was in attendance.

Minutes

March 10, 2008
Meeting

The minutes of the March 10, 2008 were reviewed. Mrs. Hale had one correction, under Other Business, 5th line, "first-come, first-service business", should say "basis". Mr. Hodges **moved to approve the minutes of March 10, 2008 as corrected**. Mr. Watkins seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Citizens' Comments Not on the Agenda New Business

Kyle Park Dog Park
Dedication

There were no citizens' comments on items not on the agenda.

The Board thought it was a good idea to hold a dedication for the Dog Park. They consulted their calendars and decided June 21, 10:00am would be best. Invitations and news releases will be handled by staff.

Use of the park has increased and things appear to be going well. Mr. Slagel asked about the fence dividing the area for different sized dogs. Mr. Asher said it had been in the plan but the cost was \$2400 to \$2,700 for that dividing fence. He was hoping to add it to the budget for 2009.

2009-2013 CIP

Mrs. Hale verified that all members had a copy of the current plan. Mr. Asher said the current plan can be tweaked a bit if necessary and then the additional year is added for the next 5-year Plan. Mr. Asher said the capital improvements are the bigger items, major improvements, playground equipment, asphalt replacement on the bike trail, etc. Mr. Vagedes said that the 1% Income Tax Levy will expire at the end of 2012. The project descriptions are behind the figures in the current Plan. Mr. Vagedes asked the Board to start going through the Plan and begin thinking about some projects that they would like to see done in 2009 thru 2012. Dr. English said Council reviews and

approves the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan on an annual basis. This Board needs to review the priorities for those years and has input for those priorities. He added that there is no identified funding at this time when the 10-year tax levy runs out. It was asked if that levy would be renewed. Mr. Vagedes said that would be up to City Council to decide. He said he would like input at the July meeting as staff will begin their review in August. The only project that has money locked in is the northern leg of the Bike Trail and that is a matching fund with other parties.

Old Business

Kyle Park Restrooms

Mr. Asher reported the restrooms were ready for Jr. Baseball Opening Day and are greatly appreciated. There is still some landscaping to do by the Parks Department. That should occur soon as the department has its summer help starting. There is a gravel pathway and there should be some asphalt put down when the bike path is paved at the northern end of Kyle Park.

Field Use Policy

Mrs. Hale asked for any further comments on the proposed Field Use Policy. There were none and Mr. Watkins **moved to recommend the proposed Field Use Policy to City Council for adoption.** Mr. Hodges seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. Mr. Vagedes said the policy will be a workshop held with City Council. He asked that Ms. Taylor and Mr. Asher attend when that workshop is scheduled and any of the Advisory Board are welcome to attend. It should be in effect January 1, 2009.

Bike Trail – Canal Lock Park to Kyle Park

The Bike Trail, Canal Lock to Kyle Park will start soon. The contractor has until September 1 to complete this leg but it should be ready by July 4th. The wet cool spring has delayed some of this work.

Great Miami Recreational Trail

Mr. Vagedes reported that the Great Miami Recreational Trail, northern leg, Nature Center to Township line- Miami County Commissioners received bid on May 8th. The Engineer's estimate was \$841,500 and Brumbaugh Construction submitted a low bid of \$647,000. They are a good contractor and have done work in Tipp City. There is one property owner the County is acquiring an easement and the contract will not be awarded until that matter is settled.

Mr. Vagedes proceeded with information on the southern leg. That section is from Kyle Park to Ross Road. That section is delayed until 2009 due to some acquisition problems. He said 5 Rivers is the local public authority on that project along with the Miami County Parks District, Monroe Twp. and Tipp City. The City's share on this project is 8%. Mr. Hodges asked if "eminent domain" has been considered for the acquisition. Mr. Vagedes said neither the County Commissioners nor the Parks district wish to go that route.

Veterans Memorial
Park

Mr. Vagedes said the Park is nearly completed. There are 3 glider benches for the gazebo to be installed. The clock's computer works need to be installed. Scarff's Nursery has completed the landscaping and the mowing and maintenance will continue for a 1 year period by them. Council has decided to not install a Community Board sign. This was a sign that was planned for the park before it became the Veterans Park.

Ms. Taylor said the Veterans Committee has dissolved and she has some issues that need to be addressed. Some bricks have arrived misspelled, some are damaged and some other issues. She would like a Committee organized to assist with such matters. Mr. Slagel thought he saw double bricks for the Civil War veterans. Mr. Slagel said he would represent the Board on a committee. Mr. Vagedes said there needs to be a reorganization of the original committee and staff will gather those names. There were representatives from the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Senior Citizens.

Mr. Mihalyo arrived,
7:43pm

Mr. Hodges **moved to appoint Mr. Slagel to the Veterans Memorial Committee.** Mr. Watkins seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Other Business
Neighborhood Parks

Mr. Vagedes said he wanted to touch base with the Board members regarding the parks. Meetings with the neighbors should result in their wishes and concerns about their parks. Mr. Hodges had his flyer for his meeting on June 26th. Mrs. Fennell will make 60 copies for him to distribute. The other members were encouraged to send their flyer information to Mrs. Fennell.

Mr. Vagedes distributed a copy of Code §36- Parks Advisory Board. This is the ordinance that created the Board.

Board Member
Comments

Mr. Mihalyo asked if there were any further plans for paving thru Kyle Park. A 10' wide path would be appreciated thru the ball fields area. Mr. Asher said the graveled area by the restrooms is to be paved but there is not money to add any other paved areas. Mr. Mihalyo said he had been asked by citizens. Mr. Asher said that is something that could be input for the CIP. He referred to the Parks Master Plan. Mr. Vagedes thought they had one. Copies were made for the members and distributed.

Ms. Taylor said some young people came to a Parks Advisory meeting asking about the skate park. Mrs. Hale asked if a meeting needs to be held regarding this matter. Dr. English said there were a number of meetings held and the result is what is installed. If accessibility is a problem, the bike path should help with that issue. If it is too far from the general population then that is not something that can be easily resolved. Mrs. Hale thought their

concerns were that the equipment is now old, degraded. Donations may be needed for more equipment. Mrs. Hale said the interest needs to be determined, the amount of persons that are interested. Mrs. Hale **moved to have Mr. Mihalyo serve as the representative for the Skate Park.** Mr. Watkins seconded the motion. Mr. Asher said it was a good idea to see how many persons are interested. Mr. Mihalyo will hold a public meeting to determine the interest. Mr. Vagedes said it would wise to determine if the interest is of Tipp City citizens. There would be city monies spent, city income tax monies. Dr. English said there have been no requests to the Township for any type of skate park.

Dr. English asked if the route for the Memorial Day Parade had been determined. He heard that the route may be past the Veterans Memorial Park so that a wreath can be placed at the Memorial. The bell tower is up and running and the ceremony will take place in the cemetery. He invited all to attend the ceremony.

Mrs. Hale asked if all the flowers got planted by the America In Bloom in the parks. Ms. Taylor reported that Spring Hill and Hampton had not been planted until today.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Mihalyo, seconded by Mr. Slagel and unanimously approved.

APPROVED: _____
Board Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Marilyn Fennell, Acting Board Secretary